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## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 27 and 34.

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Amend claims 23 and 31-33 as follows:

-- 23. (Amended) A protein C or activated protein C polypeptide comprising a modified GLA domain, said modified GLA domain comprising at least one amino acid substitution selected from residues 11, 12, 29, and 34.

31. (Amended) The protein C or activated protein C polypeptide of claim 29, wherein residue 33 is glutamic acid.

32. (Amended) The protein C or activated protein C polypeptide of claim 29, wherein residue 34 is aspartic acid.

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